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SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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MISSIONS

-Dustin Bolks
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-Michael Mayo
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Way"* TV broadcast
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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For he that
doeth **good** ←
is of God: ←
but he that doeth
evil hath not
seen God.

3 John 1:11

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

The Need for Mediation

A mediator is sometimes needed to help two parties in conflict reach an agreement. When a brother in Christ has sinned against me and will not listen to me alone, Jesus instructed me to get one or two more to arbitrate in the matter (Mt. 18:16).

The book of Philemon presents an occasion where Paul functioned as a mediator between Onesimus, a slave, and his master, Philemon, so that their relationship would be that of beloved brothers (v. 16). Onesimus had not left Philemon's house on good terms; he was an "unprofitable" servant (v. 11) and may have wronged his master or stolen from him in some additional way (v. 17). Leaving Philemon, Onesimus eventually came in contact with Paul in prison. Paul converted Onesimus to Christ, and then sent him back to Philemon with this letter preserved for us in the New Testament in which Paul appealed to Philemon to receive Onesimus back (vv. 10-12). Paul wanted Onesimus to stay with him, but desired Philemon's consent first (vv. 13-14). Paul had confidence that Philemon would not only receive Onesimus—which would be fitting in obedience to apostolic teaching in regard to the forgiveness of sins—but would do even more than what Paul had said (vv. 8, 21). Perhaps the greatest expression of Paul's mediation is his statement in verses 17-19 of the epistle, "If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me. But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay—not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides." Paul was so desirous of peace between the two that he puts the debts of Onesimus on his own account and promises to repay, even though he could have demanded that Philemon owed him.

In regard to our relationship to God, the Bible clearly teaches, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time," (1 Tim. 2:5-6). Our sins cause us to be at odds with God (Isa. 53:1-2; Rom. 3:23). Jesus is the mediator who is both God and man; He understands both parties (Jn. 1:1-3, 14; Phil. 2:5-7; Heb. 2:14; 4:16; 5:1-2). The debt we owe to God because we have wronged Him with our sins was placed on Jesus' account at the cross (1 Pet. 2:24). Similar to how Abraham offered up Isaac in his heart before the act was ever carried out (Gen. 22:10-12; Heb. 11:17-19), God has allowed man to be reconciled to Him throughout time based on the fact that in His mind sins would be placed on Jesus' account (Rom. 3:24-26; Gal. 3:13). The preaching of Christ as this great mediator was "testified in due time" when the apostles proclaimed it at the inauguration of the Christian era. No doubt Paul had learned to seek reconciliation with those at enmity because of the great love He saw in God bringing man back to Himself through Christ: "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18-19). Jesus, as the Mediator of the New Testament (Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24) continues to function as the go-between to continually give us peace with God through His blood so that we are on speaking terms with the Father. That God's love has provided such mediation in Jesus should compel us to live righteously, "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

—Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: Work Out Your Own Salvation

6:00PM: To Receive or Not To Receive

Scripture Reading: 2 John 8-10 and
3 John 8-10

Morning Pointe Singing & Study

Today at 2pm, everyone is encouraged to meet at Morning Pointe Assisted Care facility for singing and Bible study. Please, try to attend.

Congratulations Smith Family

Jeremiah and Elora are pleased to announced that Katie Smith delivered a baby girl, Elsie, on Sunday, December 1st at 12:15pm. Elsie weighed 7lbs. 7ozs and was 20 inches long. Katie and Elsie are doing well.

Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meet

Next Sunday, this group meets at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Bible Based Questions Wanted

December 29th evening service we will have the Preachers answering your Bible questions. Please submit your questions soon to the preachers.

Wedding Invitation

Saturday, December 21st at 2pm, you are invited to the wedding of Morgan Vonderheide and Jacob Martin. Please, RSVP on the foyer board if you plan to attend the reception.

Members Pictures

Wendy Berry is taking member photos after each service she can attend. Everyone is asked to have an up to date photo for the board and directory.

Gauging Our Faith

	12/01/19	Goal	12/02/18
Bible Study	84	110	109
AM Worship	147	160	144
PM Worship	83	110	89
Mid Week	nc	110	nc
Contribution:	\$5592.64	\$6200.00	\$6354.55

Lads To Leaders

Anyone interested in participating, attending, or learning more about Lads to Leaders, please see Mark Day or Brad Morris. All participant registration forms for the upcoming convention in April 2020 are due no later than Sunday, December 29, 2019.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open-discussion Bible study group that meets Tuesday mornings at 10am in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the discussion.

Dates to Remember

Dec 8– Second Sunday Morning Pointe Bible Study & Singing– 2p

Dec 10– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Dec 14– Poling Moving Event– 10a

Dec 15– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet– 4:30p

Dec 17– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Dec 21– Morgan Vonderheide & Jacob Martin Wedding– 2p

Dec 29– 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions pm service

Dec 31– New Year's Eve Watch– 9p



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: J.C. Hughes

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Brad Morris

Assisting: Ben Poling,
Nathan Parks, Greg Conley,
Tanner Adkins, Jason Fouts,
Mitch Stafford, Jack Little
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Greg Hall

Assisting: John Gambill

Assisting Back: Mason Morris

Assisting Back: Matt Vonderheide

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Will Scott

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTIONAL: Greg Hall

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Jerry Sturgill

ATTENDANCE: Matt Vonderheide

COORDINATOR: Nathan Adkins

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers

5:45 pm in the front
of the auditorium
geared to age 12 & under
-Boys: have a song to lead

★★★ Dec. 14th ★★★

Moving with the Polings !! @ 10a.m.

Then a fun activity will follow
that is yet to be determined!
See Brandon Foresha for info



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as
our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us,
please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you
find on the back of the pew. Please, put it
in the collection plate or hand it to one of
the men at the doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the
foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We
offer **free Bible correspondence courses** you
can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let
our preacher know if you would like to set
up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you
for attending.